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RE: MUR 5408

Mr. & Ms. La Van Hawkins

Dear Mr. Hardy:

This is in response to your fax dated March 22, 2004, which we received on March 22, 2004 requesting an extension until March 25, 2004 to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before March 25, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Elaine Devine, Paralegal Complaints Examination and

Legal Administration